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1. In connection with the request of Robert Morris, Counsel to the Internal Security Subcommittee, as to whether we had any available information on Solomon Adler, former U. S. Treasury Attache in Shanghai, now residing in England, who has been named as a Communist spy, I have checked with [redacted] who informs me that 25X1A any information we have in this case comes from the FBI and therefore cannot be passed on. I will so inform Mr. Morris.

2. Met with Col. White and [redacted] Acting Comptroller, 25X1A following their further talks with the Bureau of the Budget on reporting of reimbursable items. The Bureau of the Budget stated that even if the Congressional Committees would approve the procedures set forth in Item 1 of my Journal of 1 December, the Bureau of the Budget would not approve. (This is now their official position). The Bureau has stated that all agencies shall report reimbursable items, but that security projects, including CIA, should be reported under a one-line heading reading "Security -- Classified Activities -- \$ [redacted]" and that such agencies should include only legitimate security projects under such a heading. If an Appropriations Subcommittee subsequently asks an agency for further details in executive session, such agency will be allowed to state that \$ [redacted] are for a CIA project, but that the agency cannot disclose this project and that CIA should answer. When such situations arise we are then to contact the Committee Chairman. The Bureau of the Budget has cleared this general proposition with Tom Scott, Deputy Chief Clerk of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Earl Cooper of his staff. It has also been mentioned to George Harvey, Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee. I am to discuss this matter with them to secure the CIA end of the deal.

FBI review(s)  
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